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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BC 553-2020**

**AN ACT DECLARING AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN  
ZAMBOANGA CITY FOR THE IMPENDING SPREAD OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Presidential Proclamation 922 (s. 2020) and Republic Act No. 11332, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country amid the worsening Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) scare and ordained that "All government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

**WHEREAS**, the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 929 dated March 16, 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President by order of the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued a the Memorandum directing LGUs to adopt, coordinate and implement these guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Quarantine and Stringent Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon, including the National Capital Region (NCR), effective 00:00 (12 a.m.) of 17 March 2020 and expiring on 00:00 (12 a.m.) of 13 April 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Task Force COVID-19 convened yesterday, March 17, 2020, and approved necessary, holistic and proactive measures and adopted the said Memorandum from the Executive Secretary. Hence, the City of Zamboanga will be placed under an Enhanced Community Quarantine that will take effect at 1:00 in the morning of Friday, March 20, 2020 to stop the imminent spread of the Corona Virus disease (COVID-19) in the city;

**WHEREAS**, under this Executive Order, Enhanced Community Quarantine means that strict home quarantine will be implemented in all households, public transportation will be suspended, provision for food and essential health services will be regulated and heightened presence of uniformed personnel will enforce quarantine procedures;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO**, City Mayor of Zamboanga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby order the following:

**Section 1: Guidelines.**

1. Establishments providing basic necessities will remain open and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e., Public Markets, Supermarkets, Groceries, Convenience Store, Bakeries,





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Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Pharmacies and Drug Stores, Food Preparation and Delivery Services, Water-Refilling Stations, Manufacturing and Processing Plants of basic food products and medicines, agricultural and fishery products and ancillary inputs, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, fuel, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities shall be open;

2. Classes and school activities in all levels will remain suspended;
3. Mass Gatherings shall be prohibited;
4. Religious gatherings shall be suspended;
5. A work from home arrangement shall be implemented except the PNP, AFP, Health and Emergency Frontline Services, Border Control, Financial Institutions, Power/Water/Telecom Utilities and other critical services;
6. A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households; movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities; and there will be heightened presence of uniform personnel to enforce quarantine procedures. For this purpose, only two (2) individuals per household will be allowed to leave their homes. Barangay officials shall be directed to monitor compliance with this policy;
7. Funeral Services shall be made available. Immediate burial is advised;
8. The movement of cargoes within and into Zamboanga City shall be unhampered;
9. A city-wide curfew shall be imposed from 9 o'clock in the evening until 5 o'clock in the morning;
10. Land, Air and Sea Travel of uniformed personnel, government officers and members of TF Covid-19 for official business, especially those transporting medical supplies, laboratory specimens related to the Covid-19 and other humanitarian assistance, shall be allowed. Valid ID's will be presented at checkpoints.

### **Section 2: Issuance of car pass/ Identification Cards.**

The Task Force COVID-19 Secretariat is tasked to issue a car pass/Identification Card to all Task Force COVID-19 members, health workers, uniformed personnel, accredited media practitioners and other frontliners and shall keep a roster of same.



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### Section 3: Sanctions.

All persons who will violate this Executive Order may be subjected to criminal or administrative prosecution if warranted under existing laws.

### Section 4: Effectivity.

This Executive Order shall take effect on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1:00 in the morning until such time the health menace subsides.

Let copies of this Executive Order be furnished to the Zamboanga City Task Force COVID-19 and to all the concerned heads offices for their information to include all private and government instrumentalities, institutions and agencies.

The City Public Information Officer, Office of the City Mayor, is directed to see the widest dissemination of this Executive Order to all media outlets in the City.

### SO ORDERED.

Done in the City of Zamboanga, Philippines, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the Year of our Lord, 2020.

  
**MARIA ISABELLE G. CLIMACO**  
City Mayor